# THE PILOTS' BILL, AGAIN

### Another Chance for Captain Boutwell to Indulge in Hearty Laughter!

An Increase from 50 to 100 Per Cent. Demanded on Bunker Coal Vessels. Virginia Ports Affected. Is an Increase in Rate Necessary? How Much Does Each Individual Pilot Receive Now?

## \$202,000 COLLECTED LAST YEAR!

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They received last year from this source \$159,000. Under the pilotage bill they would have received \$55,000 additional, or in-

33 1-3 PER CENT.

The greatest increase is on bunker coal. If we ignore the increase on vessels drawing less than ten feet (as no vessels come into these ports for bunker coal of such small draft), the increase on bunker coal vessels is-minimum, 50 per cent.; maximum, 100 per

THE RATE OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE PER TON ON BUNKER COAL.

Take, for instance, a vessel like the Cienfuegos, which came to Norfolk last year for 81 tons of bunker coal. She was compelled to pay for pilotage alone \$60.50, entering and clearing, or over 74 cents a ton. Under the new rates she would pay \$90.75, or more than \$1.12 PER TON FOR PILOTAGE.

That vessel paid to the owners of the mine, to the railroad company for transporting the coal 440 miles and carrying the empties back and to the shipping agency

\$3.25 PER TON.

She would pay for pilotage alone, between Norfolk and Newport News and the Capes, under the new rate \$1.12 PER TON.

The increase in the rate on that vessel by the new bill would be 38 CENTS PER TON.

Take, again, the case of the steamer "Ida," which came to Norfolk last year for 262 tons of bunker coal. Under the Pilotage bill she would be required to pay \$159.24 for pilotage, or more than 60 CENTS A TON.

The "Marian," which came for 182 tons, would have to pay \$131.25 for pilotage, or 72 CENTS PER TON.

The "Carrigan Head," which came for 225 tons, would pay \$172.66 for pilotage, or over 76 CENTS PER TON.

The "Snowflake," which came for 134 tons, would pay \$170.04

for pilotage, or \$1.27 PER TON.

It is needless to keep up the illustrations. It is true the the rate per ton is much smaller on vessels taking more tonnage, but were over 150 vessels which came to the Hampton Roads ports last year for less than 300 tons of bunker coal. What will the increase rate mean to them? Will they go elsewhere? How can some of the representatives from this section, in face of these facts, say that the increase will not affect the ports?

It is interesting in this connection to note a resolution introduced in the House of Delegates to investigate prices charged by the shipping agencies.

That resolution was not introduced until the shipping agencies dared to oppose the Pilots' bill.

It should have been entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A DIVERSION FROM THE PILOTAGE BILL."

The price on steam coal for bunker purpose, except for a period of about two months in 1905, has never been less than \$3.00, nor more than \$3.90. The price for most of the time has been \$3.25. It is now \$3.40, due to increase in the wages of the miners.

If a price of 15 cents per ton additional on bunker coal threatens the interest of the Virginia ports and calls for an investigation by the Legislature, what about a greater increase per ton in compulsory pilotage? Won't that affect the ports?

Yet the bill making the increase has passed the House of Delegates and the shipping agencies were not heard.

The Virginia Pilots' Association received last year: From foreign shipping over.....\$159,000 From the United States government..... 16,700 Total ......\$202,700

Is it necessary, then, to increase the rate? What do the individual pilots get now?

Captain Boutwell refused to say before the Newport News

HOW MUCH, GENTLEMEN, DO YOU GET?

If you will get too little under the present rates after the abolition of the tax on coastwise pilotage we will not oppose the bill. HOW MUCH IS IT?

#### Norfolk and Newport News Shipping Companies

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In Strong Argument Before Currency Committee Former Secretary Opposes Aldrich Bill.

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OBITUARY

DEATHS

CALLAHAN.—Died, at her residence, 1011 Buchanan Street, at noon. Wednesday, February 19th, Mrs. CATH-BRINE CALLAHAN, beloved wife of Patrick Callahan. She leaves, besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, of this city, and several grandchildren to mourn their loss.

The funeral will take place from the funeral will take place from st. Peter's Church at 10 o'clock FRI-DAY MORNING. Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Please omit flow-ers.

HUGHES.—Died, at his residence on Hancock Street, Monday morning, WILLIAM HUGHES, formerly jamitor of the Richmond Grain Exchange and sexton of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Funeral THIS (Thursday) AFTER-NOON, from Ebenezer Church, at 3 o'clock.

SMITH.—Died, at Memorial Hospital
February 18th, at 8:35 P. M., after
a lingering illness, Miss MURIEL A.
SMITH, eldest daughter of Robt, M.
and Emma M. Smith, in the twentleth year of her age,
The funeral will take place from
Tabernacle Baptist Church, corner
of Grove Avenue and Meadow Street,
THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON at
3:30 o'clock. Interment at Hollywood Cemetery.

SANTONIO.—Died, at Memorial Hospital, at 10 P. M. Tuesday, PEATRIO SANTONIO, in the twenty-second year or his age, He leaves one brother in America and parents in Eurone. brother in America and parents in Europe.
Funeral at 3 P. M., from St. Peters, Cathedral. Interment in Mt. Calvary THIS AFTERNOON.
The following are the pall-bearers; Chas. Trafferi. Paul Valdrighi, G. Brucciani, G. Caronicelli, G. Marroni, A. Valdrighi.

M. Valdright.

WILLIAMS,—Died, at her son's residence, on the Paim Road, Henrico county, Va., February 18, 1908, at 7:05 o'clock P. M., JEANNETTE WILLIAMS, widow of Pleasant Williams, in the seventy-fourth year of her age. She leaves two sons, Joseph D. and Frank S. Williams, to mourn her loss.

The funeral from Pine Street Baptist Church, THURSDAY, 20th, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Hollywood.

New York and New Jersey papers, Dlease Cody.

